

BUDGET WORKSHOP

July 1, 1985 - August 19, 1985

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a Budget Workshop on July 1, 1985, at 8:00 A.M.

The following Commissioners were present: Chairman W. F. Miles, Commissioner Raymond Hall, Commissioner Sam Pridgen, Commissioner Joe Griffin, and Commissioner Owens.

Sheriff Quinn McMillian appeared before the Board to present his budget request for 1985-86. Mr. McMillian stated that he needs 4 additional deputies and 12 new cars. The total amount requested for the 1985-86 budget is \$1,343,633.92. After discussion, Commissioner Hall made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to tentatively approve the 1985-86 budget request for the Sheriff's Department. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Owens Ayes, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Mr. William Fountain, Property Appraiser, appeared before the Board to present his budget request for 1985-86. Mr. Fountain advised that he is requesting 2 new positions due to the growth in Walton County. Mr. Fountain requested a total amount of \$301,946.00. Motion by Commissioner Griffin, second by Commissioner Hall, to tentatively approve the Property Appraiser's budget request for 1985-86. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Owens Aye, Pridgen Aye, Griffin Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Mr. Jack Little, Tax Collector, appeared before the Board and advised that his office is on the fee system. Mr. Little's budget request for 1985-86 is in the amount of \$206,500.00. Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Hall, to tentatively approve the Tax Collector's budget request for 1985-86. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Owens Aye, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Mrs. Catherine King, Clerk, appeared before the Board to present the budget requests for two departments. The total request for the Clerk of Circuit and County Courts is \$291,937.41, and for the Comptroller's Office it is \$103,722.06. Mrs. King explained to the Board the increase of the work load in each of her offices. Motion by Commissioner Hall, second by Commissioner Griffin, to tentatively approve the budgets for Mrs. King's Offices. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Owens Aye, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Mr. Robert Bowers, County Probation Officer, appeared before the Board to present his budget request for 1985-86. Mr. Bowers requested a total budget in the amount of \$28,779.30. Motion by Commissioner Hall, second by Commissioner Griffin, to approve the budget request, except salaries will be increased at the same rate as other county employees. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Mrs. Dorothy Teelin, member of the Library Budget Committee, appeared before the Board to introduce Ms. Jacqueline Shaughnessy, Librarian. Ms. Shaughnessy submitted the budget request for the Library for 1985-86 in the amount of \$59,441.00. Ms. Shaughnessy advised the Board that the Library had 4,000 patrons this year. Ms. Shaughnessy also stated that the Library is trying to establish new branches in different areas of the county. After discussion, Commissioner Hall made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to table the Library budget request for further study. The Board requested a break down on the proposed budget. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Mr. Dale Harvell, Ambulance Director, requested that the budget hearing on the ambulance service be postpone until the month of July. This will allow Mr. Harvell time to check into the new wage and hour law.

Mr. Dewey Wilson, Administrative Supervisor, presented to the Board the 1985-86 budget for the Planning Department in the amount of \$70,717.41. Motion by Commissioner Griffin, second by Commissioner Owens, to tentatively approve the Planning Department budget. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Mr. Wilson also presented the budget requests for the Building Department, \$125,253.60, and the Administrative Supervisor, \$42,629.00. Motion by Commissioner Griffin, second by Commissioner Owens, to tentatively approve the budget requests for the Building Department and the Administrative Supervisor. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

The Board agreed to place a total amount of \$125,000.00 in the Fire Control Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Hall, second by Commissioner Griffin, to set the salary increase for county employees at 3%. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Hall, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the budget request for the Veteran's Service Office, basing the salaries on 3%. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

The Board recessed until July 2, 1985, at 9:00 A.M.

The Board reconvened on July 2, 1985, at 9:00 A.M. All Board Members were present.

Mrs. Judy Pena, Director of the C.O.P.E. Center, appeared before the Board to present the 1985-86 budget request for the C.O.P.E. Center. The request is the same as 1984-85, \$45,951.00. No action was taken on the C.O.P.E. Budget.

The Board increased the Special pay of the Chairman to \$100 per month.

The Board recessed until July 8, 1985.

The Board reconvened on July 8, 1985, at 9:00 A.M. All the Board Members were present.

Mr. Eugene D. Battaly, member of the South Walton Fire District Board, appeared before the Board to submit the 1985-86 budget request for the South Walton Fire District in the amount of \$166,992.00. No action was taken.

Mr. Herman Jackson, Parks Director, appeared before the Board and requested salary increases for the Parks Department Employees. No action was taken.

Mr. Max Marsh, representing the Paxton Ambulance Service, appeared before the Board to request \$75,000.00 for the Paxton Ambulance Service. Mr. Marsh stated that 3 additional employees are needed. No action was taken.

Mr. Clayton Gavins, Civil Defense Director, appeared before the Board to request that a four-wheel drive vehicle be added to the Civil Defense budget request. No action was taken.

The Board recessed until August 5, 1985.

The Board reconvened on August 5, 1985, at 9:00 A.M. All the Board Members were present.

Mr. William Green and Mrs. Lillian Young, members of the Library Board, appeared before the Board to request funding for the Library in the amount of \$50,463.00. Discussion followed on how the funds should be spent. The Board requested that \$10,000 be spent on new books and also requested that a quarterly report be presented on the expenditures.

Mr. Paul Goulding, South Walton Emergency Services, appeared before the Board and advised that there are no excess in the funds requested by the South Walton Emergency Services for the Ambulance Department.

The Board discussed a county wide ambulance service. No action was taken.

The Board recessed until August 13, 1985, at 1:00 P.M.

The Board reconvened on August 13, 1985, at 1:15 P.M.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman W. F. Miles, Vice-Chairman Raymond Hall, Commissioner Sam Pridgen, and Commissioner Derward Owens. Commissioner Griffin was absent due to illness.

Judge Bob Lindsey appeared before the Board to request that the County Probation Officer's salary be increased to \$17,000.00. Judge Lindsey stated that this would bring him in line with the other probation officers in the state. No action was taken.

Mr. Eugene D. Battaly, South Walton Fire District, requested additional assistance from the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Battaly stated that a disaster is going to occur and the county will not be prepared.

Dr. James Leker, M.D. and Dr. Jerold Derkay, M.D., members of the appointed Ambulatory Advisory Board, appeared before the Board to present the recommendation of the Ambulatory Advisory Board. Dr. Leker advised of the need for centralization and upgrading of the ambulance department. Dr. Leker also stressed the need for direct communications between the ambulance services and the hospital. The Ambulatory Advisory Board recommended that an Administrative Director be employed and that a Medical Director be appointed. Other items that Dr. Leker and Dr. Derkay addressed were as follows: Communications, Billing and Collection, 911 Number, Advanced Cardiac Life Support. After

discussion, Commissioner Miles stepped down and made a motion for Mr. Dewey Wilson, Administrative Assistance, to work with the three ambulance departments to organize a county wide department and report back to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Wilson advised that it will take approximately 6 weeks to prepare the report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pridgen. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

The Board asked Dr. Leker to accept the position as Medical Director. Dr. Leker advised that it is too early to make that appointment and that the Board should check into obtaining malpractice insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Owens, to set the County Commissioners' travel at \$400 per month. Ayes 2, Nays 2. Owens Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Naye, Miles Naye.

Motion by Commissioner Hall, second by Commissioner Owens, to place \$9000.00 in the Humane Society Budget. Earmarking \$1000.00 for use in South Walton County. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

The Board recessed until August 19, 1985, at 9:00 A.M.

The Board reconvened on August 19, 1985, at 9:00 A.M.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman W. F. Miles, Vice-Chairman Raymond Hall, Commissioner Sam Pridgen, and Commissioner Derward Owens. Commissioner Joe Griffin was absent due to illness.

Mrs. Jackie Gipson, resident of South Walton County, appeared before the Board to request that the \$25,000 presently in the budget for the South Walton Bike Path be carried forward into the 1985-86 budget and an additional \$25,000 be added for a total of \$50,000.00. Mrs. Gipson also requested \$2,000 for a recreational study to be conducted in South Walton County. Motion by Commissioner Hall to carry forward the \$25,000 for the bike path provided that funds are available. Chairman Miles stepped down and seconded the motion. Commissioner Pridgen called for the vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Hall to cut \$25,000 from operation supplies and place it in the account for the Bike Path. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Chairman Miles stepped down and made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to adopt a proposed millage of 8.761 mills for the 1985-86 Budget: General Revenue 3.180 Mills, County Transportation Trust Fund 2.480 Mills, Debt Service .051 Mill, Fine and Forfeiture 1.500 Mills, Capital Projects 1.550 Mills. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Hall, to set the Public Hearings for the 1985-86 Budget on September 16, and September 23, 1985, at 6:00 P.M. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Hall, to adjourn. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

APPROVED: W. F. Miles

W. F. Miles, Chairman

ATTEST: Catherine King  
Catherine King, Clerk